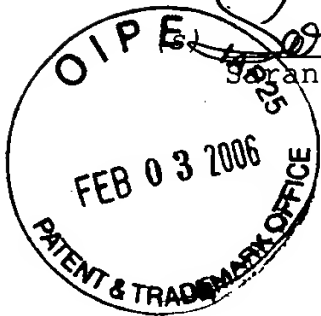


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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**


Sir:

Applicant submits this statement along with the Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85) in response to the last official action, i.e., the Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due dated November 17, 2005.

The undersigned agrees with the Examiner's summary of the substance of the telephonic interview of October 26, 2005 as described in the Interview Summary (Form PTOL-413) mailed with the notice.

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